

# ***SRJC STUDENT ELECTIONS***



**Official Spring 2018 Candidate Brochure**

**(For the 2018/2019 Academic Year)**

# Associated Student President

## Dori Elder (I) (Students for Students)

Like many students at SRJC I'm working my way through prerequisite coursework prior to transferring to a 4-year university. I am a Deaf Studies major, active in several clubs, and consider SRJC my home away from home - I've met colleagues, found mentors, and made lifelong friends. If elected as President I will continue to support the many diverse communities at SRJC, as I have supported them during my time with the Inter-Club Council and Student Life Committee. I am committed to ensuring that no group or community is left out or ignored, and student engagement will be my number one goal. Our community is in a desperate place; homelessness, hunger, and healthcare are pressing issues for many of our students, friends, and families. The recent fires have showed us just how vulnerable our community can be. I will passionately support programs that seek to address these and other issues. It will be my priority to help make our campuses safe for ALL students, regardless of their immigration status, and to support students no matter their background. Making our campuses a safe, healthy, and sustainable place will be a collaborative effort, it's not something I can do alone, therefore my door will always be open. I will listen to, advocate for, and be the voice of the students of SRJC. As President, I will diligently work with the students, with staff, faculty, and the administration to make SRJC the best school it can possibly be.



## Eduardo Osorio Juárez (I)

If elected, I hope to continue my plans to influence a well-connected, sustainable and live community at Santa Rosa Junior College. I've work with various departments on campus like the Office of Student Equity, Students Affairs and Our non-credit department to provide support to the student body population. My volunteering efforts, aside from student government, include working with Club organizations like the M.E.Ch.A organization. Collaborating with a group of students from all over the world has definitely helped me in the development of my community organizing skills and has truly assisted me to broaden my overall perspective of inclusivity and the importance of listening with the intent to understand. My overall goal is to act as the pillar to bridges I hope to build, as we moved towards influencing a shift in the way we have a fun at SRJC. I've noticed that need more school spirit. We need more support as we make it through our daily struggles. Most importantly, we need better guidance to understand our personal meaning of success and the support to get there! This is what I hope to work towards if elected student body president, or not. I am proud to be a member of this beautiful institution and I'd like to give back to the community that provided me with the opportunity to experience so much. This is why I want to listen, work and serve students as the next student body president! #ImAlsoHereToHaveFun #EduardoForPresident



## Riley Shepherd (Students Who Care)

Hi! My name is Riley Shepherd, and I'm running to be your Associated Student President. What does that mean? Well, the Student President fills a number of roles in the Student Government Assembly; they attend SGA meetings, approve expenditures, and help form new policies to shape the SJRC. So, why am I running for this role? Because the SRJC has been a home to me. This is where I study, where I hang out with my friends, where I go to class and forge a future for myself. And I want to give back, by making this campus better than the beautiful place it already is, for the whole of the student body. There's no better place for me to achieve this goal and help represent that student body, than on the Student Government Assembly. I want to help encourage an active, involved, and healthy campus. If you have any questions, please, e-mail me at [glowstickrave12@gmail.com](mailto:glowstickrave12@gmail.com)!



## Executive Vice President-Petaluma

### J.C. Zhang (Students for Students) (I)

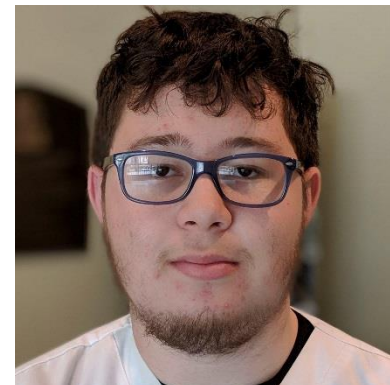
My name is J.C. Zhang and I am running for the position of Executive Vice President. At the Junior College, I continued my momentum as a high caliber student, furthered my involvement in the Student Government Assembly, and helped organize events on campus. And despite many counselors advising against it, I completed 19 units last semester at the Santa Rosa Junior College, and I decided to take 24 units this semester. On top of my heavy workload, I prepared for my intended major of Business Administration through utilizing my leadership and organization skills. I joined the Student Government Assembly of Santa Rosa Junior College last semester, and I was honored to be elected to an official voting position as the Director of Clubs. And as of this semester, I was voted in as the Executive Vice President. In this position, I demonstrated and practiced my leadership, communication, and organization skills on a nearly daily basis through chairing and overseeing weekly meetings upholding Robert's Rules of Order with eleven club presidents, giving out timely and accurate information to the student body and my fellow student officers, and organizing and participating in school wide events such as Wednesday Food Pantry, Fire Relief Rally, and Welcome Day, which had over 400 student participants.



# Vice President of Advocacy

## Sean Young

Even though this is my second semester here at the SRJC, I have met many amazing students, and I want to continue doing that if I am elected as your Vice President of Advocacy. Some of my former leadership experience is being the Associated Student Body (ASB) President at Analy High School my senior year as well as being a secretary of a 4H club for two years, followed by two year as vice-president and finally two more as the club president. You might be asking what exactly does the Vice President of Advocacy do? For that we must ask... What is Advocacy? According to the Merriam Webster dictionary, Advocacy is the act or process of supporting a cause or proposal. In this ever changing world, it is more important than ever to get your voices heard. We as students know what issues affect us daily, I can list a few like, HOUSING and PARKING. We at the SRJC have seen very recently what happens when you raised your voices to protest the summer cuts, an ill-conceived decision that was made without input from people it would affect the most, YOU!!! We also know that student need to be protected and be awareness of policies, legislation, and issues affecting students' welfare at the state, within local government, and at college level. I believe that the ability to collaborate and interact with others is an important part of the human experience. If you cannot relate to others, your success will be limited. This is a statement that I believe that every elected official, from the highest office to a simple position of power, should follow. That's why I want to reach out to all of you and see what I can do to help you. **MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD, GO VOTE!!!!**



# Student Trustee

## Robert Martinez (I)

Hello all as the current Student Trustee I have worked on increasing equity, diversity and student involvement at the SRJC. I have been involved with student government for over two years and feel that I have the experience to take on a full term as Student Trustee and further help increase equity, diversity and student involvement here. Please vote for me as Student Trustee!



# Vice President of Student Health

## Jenny Patterson-Kerr (Students Who Care)

I want to run for VP of Student Health because I know personally how health impacts one's life. Whether it is not being food insecure, worrying about the cost of rent, stressing about the balance of going to school, having a family and working, as well as having physical and mental challenges, I have experienced it all. I know how sometimes simply getting out of bed can be a major feat. I want to support students in their pursuit of learning in the healthiest way possible. As a former public school teacher and a mental health counselor, I have been a witness to how health can impact learning, memory, moods, cognition, basic functioning and getting along with others. I am a huge supporter of our Student Health Services mission, which is "to maintain and improve the physical, mental, and social health of students at Santa Rosa Junior College, and to strengthen and inspire the well-being of the entire college community, towards supporting student success and life-long learning." As your VP of Student Health, I want to continue to advocate for all of our incredible services. I want to do outreach and education about our current services as well as promote fun, health educational activities. I believe that prevention is the key to so many ills. By utilizing the many resources we have available here, we will enhance our college experience and ultimately it will benefit us in all we have to do in our lives. The healthier we are as a community, the more productive we are as citizens. I hope you will vote for me, Jenny Patterson-Kerr, as your VP of Student Health, thank you.



## Angie Carretero

If elected VP of Student Health my commitment to SRJC includes serving as liaison for important student health issues. I plan to promote wellness, awareness, + create support of and find discounts for your individual aspirations toward better health + wellness. One of my plans is to get a vegan/vegetarian vending machine for our cafeteria from Amy's Kitchen, if elected. I am no stranger to student health issues, I have a background in HIV/AIDS outreach, nutrition and weight management, and traditionalized Native American wellness talking circles. I believe in our student health services and in fidelity + commitment to serve, represent, create opportunities in health, promote awareness, + keep office hours in support of advocating and listening to each one of your concerns. If elected I will work closely, as a team member, with the other governing bodies of the SGA to create a positive + amazing 2018-2019 school year – through your input.



# Vice President of Diversity Affairs

## Mark Murakami (Students Who Care)

My name is Mark Murakami, and I would be honored to be your SGA Vice President of Diversity Affairs. I'm starting my third year at SRJC; I've worked at the front desk of the HOPE Center and serve as an AmeriCorps Health and Wellness Ambassador, for which I volunteer at food distributions and personally on LGBTQ+ topics. As part of the LGBTQ+ community, I've been sorely disappointed by the lack of resources formally dedicated by the college to the visibility, engagement, health, and voice of students like me. In my opinion, the spirit of fairness in equity, a large focus in Diversity Affairs, is not only an effort to raise up minorities but a pursuit to hold the college accountable when student voices are not being heard. I wish to become a better person by helping others do the same for themselves. I decided that I'd make the world a better place by helping others find the space in their lives to pay good fortune forward, that an AA in social and behavioral sciences, a bachelor's in cognitive science, a master's in affective science, and a doctorate in industrial-organizational psychology would help me bring this mindset into corporate America, but I've realized that I don't need degrees to start doing good. I'm not waiting any longer. We talk of safety, of safe spaces, and expect these to make change, but safety is necessary, static; safety is a basic need we require to survive. I will champion your safety... but your safety is not enough. I advocate courage; if safety allows diversity to survive, courage is what allows diversity to thrive. We deserve a college that provides more than just a few safe spaces: we deserve a college that is itself a brave space.



## Stephannie Starr (I)

Goals: 1. Facilitate a smooth implementation of AB 705, Guided Pathways 2. Collaborate closely with the VP of Advocacy to make diversity goals and needs actionable across all of our campuses 3. Collaborate with PEERS to work towards reducing stigma surrounding mental health services. Particularly for our homeless, international, DACA, fire victims, women, LGBTQ, multiethnic communities, and all other marginalized groups.

I have learned so much during my time as VP of Diversity. I look forward to bringing that knowledge to bear during my second year in this position if you allow me. AB705 restructured the assessment process. It sought to facilitate the student's navigation and completion of remedial courses and placement into college level classes within one year. As the VP of Diversity I will continue to assure that the aspirations of those students who needed more time to reach that goal were protected. My passion for learning communities remains. I will work with our high schools to make them aware of the benefits of the learning communities here, that allow culturally based learning. I believe that every student should be able to see themselves represented in the programming, staff, and administration available here. I will always strive for inclusion in all that I do in this role. I am committed to ending mental health stigmas among our college students. Self care strategies and services, essential during and after the fires, are needed still. I will continue to spread awareness of the many programs available here, and I will seek ways that allow us to experience mental health service in new and exciting ways. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your voice for this past year. I hope to continue to do so again with your vote for me.



# Director of Marketing – Petaluma

**Kaila Cotherman**

I want to serve in the position if Director of Marketing for the Petaluma Campus to play an active role in supporting and providing exposure for the events, clubs, and programs. As a Digital Media Communications student, I have experience communicating effectively and efficiently with different groups in order to accomplish a task. I promise to uphold the integrity of our diverse campus and ensure that everyone’s voices are being heard.



# Director of Clubs – Petaluma

**Shawn Hartshorn (Students for Students)(I)**

During my time in office as Director of Clubs Petaluma, I have increased the funding for Petaluma Clubs and Petaluma student life for this semester by 30%. I have argued successfully to increase the funding allotment for student life and student clubs during the 18/19 year by 20%. While on the measure H committee, I have been focused on creating a large space for students and student clubs to openly and freely express themselves and share ideas.

If I am elected, I would commit my time to improving school defenses on the Santa Rosa Campus from active shooter scenarios. Most of the doors on campus do not lock from the inside and this needs to be fixed. I would also like to start a scholarship program that awards non SGA students when they participate in college-wide committees or make a significant contribution to academic life. This is part of a larger goal to make student government activities more transparent and spur more interest in college activity involvement.



# Vice President of Sustainability

## Sophia Porter (Students for Students)

Confession - I keep a copy of a children's book at my desk and refer to it often -- Shel Silverstein's book *The Giving Tree*. All though it is a book intended for children, the lessons we learn from it are timeless. It is our first lesson of reciprocity and what happens when we neglect those things that nourish us. My roots are here at SRJC. It is a place of knowledge, enlightenment, encouragement, empowerment, opportunity, sanctuary, safety and love. I wish to take those components and give them back to the student body and college the best that I can, to replenish the soil that grows beautiful students and releases them into this community so our community can grow strong. I strive to keep to these core values in everything I do, and it is with great difficulty since the rewards of straying are enticing, but the rewards of maintaining that integrity are greater. I think about our emblem at the college, our mascot, another tree - The Oak - it takes a long time to grow these trees, but they are strong, they weather the storms, resist flames, they fed the indigenous cultures that were here long before us, and they stand strong. Our students are oaklings, let's do what we can to make sure they grow strong, make sure our community is strong, Tap into that heartwood, that center, that core, and grow from there. This is what I strive for. This is what I wish to represent. It will be difficult. But I'm doing it. And I believe in you. Let's make positive changes on this campus happen. If you want specifics of what I've noticed and wish to address: waste diversion, energy consumption, need provide alternate means of transportation to alleviate our parking problem, and greening the curriculum. Peace.



## Inter Club Council Chair

*No Official Candidates*

*Write-in Candidates must receive 50 votes or 5% of the total votes cast to be eligible*

## Vice President of Committees

*No Official Candidates*

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# **Vice President of Finance**

*No Official Candidates*

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# **Vice President of Marketing**

*No Official Candidates*

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# **Vice President of Student Life**

*No Official Candidates*

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# Constitutional Amendments

1. Should the Students of Santa Rosa Junior College approve an amendment to the Student Constitution that would do the following (This is a summary, [click here to see the full text of the proposed changes](#)):
  - Rename SRJC Students from 'Associated Students' to 'Student Body'
  - Refocus the Executive Vice President – Petaluma position, and rename it the Vice President of Student Life – Petaluma.
  - Refocus the Vice President of Advocacy position, and rename it Executive Vice President of Legislation.
  - Eliminate the position of Vice President of Committees and absorb the responsibilities amongst the remaining positions.
  - Rename the (1) Associated Students President, (2) Vice President of Diversity Affairs, (3) Inter-Club Council Chair, (4) Vice President of Marketing, (5) Director of Clubs – Petaluma, and (6) Director of Marketing – Petaluma to the (1) Student Body President, (2) Vice President of Diversity, (3) Vice President of Marketing – Santa Rosa, (4) Vice President of Clubs – Santa Rosa, (5) Vice President of Clubs – Petaluma, and (6) Vice President of Marketing – Petaluma, respectively.
2. Should the Students of Santa Rosa Junior College approve an amendment to the [Student Constitution](#) that would add the following language to Article II:
  - Section 5: The SGA, in collaboration with the Student Trustee, shall hold a Student Forum during the fall and spring semesters to inform students about their representatives.